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Documents 1, 2 and 3 were cited in a Japanese Office Action that issued in the corresponding Japanese application. Documents 4, 5 and 6 are corresponding patent applications to the present application that were patented without amendment.

An Abstract of non-English language reference 2 is enclosed. An English language translation of claim 1 of reference 3 and references 5 and 6 (last page) are submitted.

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